



AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "INVENTORY" WITH RESPECT TO CANCELED DEALERSHIP CONTRACT REPURCHASE REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 30-11-701, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 30-11-701, MCA, is amended to read:

"30-11-701. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Current net price" means:

(a) with respect to a dealership contract, the price listed in the wholesaler's, manufacturer's, or distributor's price list or catalog in effect at the time a dealership contract is discontinued or, if none is then in effect, the last available price so listed; and

(b) with respect to a distribution contract, the price listed in the manufacturer's or distributor's price list or catalog in effect at the time a distribution contract is discontinued or, if none is then in effect, the last available price so listed.

(2) "Dealership contract" means a written contract between a retailer and a wholesaler, manufacturer, or distributor in which the retailer becomes a dealer in goods sold by the wholesaler, manufacturer, or distributor, evidenced by a franchise agreement, sales agreement, security agreement, or other similar agreement or arrangement.

(3) "Distribution contract" means a written contract between a wholesaler and a manufacturer or distributor in which the wholesaler becomes a dealer in goods sold by the manufacturer or distributor, evidenced by a franchise agreement, sales agreement, security agreement, or other similar agreement or arrangement.

(4) "Inventory" means:

(a) farm implements, machinery, attachments, and repair parts;

(b) industrial and construction equipment and repair parts;

(c) ~~automobiles, trucks~~ new motor vehicles, trucks, trailers, semitrailers, pole trailers, travel trailers, and

repair parts sold by ~~an automobile or truck~~ a dealer as defined in 61-1-101;

(d) motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, recreational vehicles, and quadricycles, as those terms are defined in 61-1-101, and repair parts;

(e) snowmobiles, as defined in 23-2-601, and repair parts;

(f) off-highway vehicles, as defined in 23-2-801, and repair parts; and

(g) vessels, as defined in 23-2-502, detachable motors or engines used to propel vessels, and repair parts.

(5) "Net cost" means:

(a) with respect to a dealership contract, the price actually paid for an inventory item by the retailer to the wholesaler, manufacturer, or distributor, plus applicable freight costs paid by or charged to the retailer; and

(b) with respect to a distribution contract, the price actually paid for an inventory item by the wholesaler to a manufacturer or distributor, plus applicable freight costs paid by or charged to the wholesaler.

(6) "Retailer" or "retail dealer" means any individual, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in the business of selling inventory, as defined in this section, to the general public.

(7) "Wholesaler" means any individual, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in the business of selling inventory, as defined in this section, to retailers."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to dealership contracts entered into or renewed on or after [the effective date of this act].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0387, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

HOUSE BILL NO. 387
INTRODUCED BY S. REICHNER

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